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Question of the Week: Are we far too easily offended?

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Are we far too easily offended?

Have we become so guarded and sensitive as a community that we refuse to play with either mud pie or salten sea?

I am increasingly wary that we-as Christians and more specifically as Westmont students-have become so thin skinned that we flinch at what ought to be mere, good-natured fun. I'm worried that we're losing the healthy-even necessary?-art of taking ourselves less seriously.

I recognize the need for caution when we turn a humorous, playful eye toward sensitive subjects of race, religion, gender, majors, etc. but I'm worried that we're throwing the baby out with the bath water. I question whether in losing the skill of firmly planting tongue in cheek we're also, in some respect, losing our ability to speak to our own community in disarming yet telling ways.

Now it's your turn. What do you think? Are we over sensitive or are we simply responding to increasingly poor judgments in taste? Please send responses to horizon@westmont.edu

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